## ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

## FISHERY UPDATE



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## **JUNEAU HERRING UPDATE #14**

The department conducted an aerial survey of Lynn Canal and Seymour Canal today. Survey conditions were fair with overcast skies and southerly winds light to 15 knots. 20 sea lions and 3 whales were observed between Amalga Harbor and Point Bridget. Approximately 1.5 nautical miles of active spawn was observed from Point Bridget east towards Echo Cove. Schools of herring were also observed south of Point Bridget and in the vicinity of Mabb Island.

In Seymour Canal, 112 sea lions and 5 whales were observed, with the majority of predators between Sorethumb Cove and #9 Rock. The majority of sea lions were rafted up and not active. A small school of fish was observed on the beach north of Winning Cove.

The next aerial survey of Seymour Canal is planned for later today Sunday, May 5.

## 2013 Seymour Canal Survey Summary

No herring activity, 60 sea lions.
No herring activity, 68 sea lions.
No herring activity, 63 sea lions, 1 whale.
No herring activity, 104 sea lions, 2 whales.
No herring activity, 67 sea lions, 1 whale.
No herring activity, 54 sea lions, 1 whale.
No herring activity, 93 sea lions, 6 whales.
No herring activity, 108 sea lions, 2 whales.
No herring activity, 77 sea lions, 5 whales.
One very small school of herring, no herring spawn, 147 sea lions, 3 whales.
No herring activity, 101 sea lions, 6 whales.
No herring activity, 47 sea lions, 4 whales.
One small school, no herring spawn, 112 sea lions, 5 whales.

Juneau herring updates will be posted on the ADF&G web site listed below.

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